

Series on Jude

Contend for the Faith that God Entrusted



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JUDE 1:5-7

WELCOME Fixing Our Focus

Suggested icebreaker: Ask each GG member to share a story of an infamous person who received just punishment for their deeds.

WORSHIP Adoring Our God

Suggested songs:

- Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me
- All to Jesus I Surrender

WORD & WALK:

Understanding & Applying the Word

LESSON AIM

- 1. GG members will resolve to keep their faith in God.
- 2. GG members will commit to be obedient to God.
- 3. GG members will turn away from all immorality.

INTRODUCTION

In the previous lesson, we learned the purpose why Jude wrote this letter. It was to warn believers against false teachers who were teaching false doctrines in an attempt to gain followers for themselves. They pose a threat because they may cause believers to fall away from the faith. In this lesson, Jude warns believers that God punishes those who turn away from Him, particularly through unbelief, disobedience, and immorality.

God destroyed the Israelites who didn't believe in Him in the desert (v. 5)

- Who were the people that God destroyed? What was the reason why God judged them? (cf. Numbers 14:1-10, 26-35)
- 2. What is the importance of faith or belief in God? (cf. Hebrews 3:16-19; 11:6)
- 3. What is the reason God recorded in Scriptures what happened to the Israelites in the wilderness? (cf. 1 Corinthians 10:11-12)

APPLICATION

 What are some things that hinder your faith in God? Who or what can help bolster your faith in God?

God bound disobedient angels in hell (v. 6)

- 1. What did God do to angels who were disobedient? (cf. 2 Peter 2:4)
- 2. What did these angels do that cause them to be punished in this manner? (cf. Genesis 6:1-4)
- 3. Not all demons are currently bound. How do they feel about being bound in hell? (cf. Luke 8:30-31)
- 4. What does the Bible say about the eternal destiny of Satan and those who refuse to have faith in Jesus Christ? (cf. Revelation 20:10, 15)

APPLICATION

 How can you commit yourself from disobeying God? What practices or attitudes help?

WORD & WALK:

Understanding & Applying the Word

God punished those who did not repent of their immorality (v. 7)

- What kind of people lived in Sodom and Gomorrah? How did God punish them? (It is said that at the time of the writing of this letter, smoke was still rising from the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah.¹) (cf. Genesis 19:1-11, 23-29)
- 2. What does the Bible say about those who indulge in immorality? (cf. Romans 1:26-28; 1 Corinthians 6:9-11)
- 3. What was the purpose of God's judgment upon the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah? (cf. 2 Peter 2:6)

APPLICATION

God desires that His children turn away from sin. What biblical promises can
you hold on to regarding your struggle with sin? Spend a few minutes in prayer
confessing to God your sins and your desire to repent from them.

PRAYER ITEM

Take time to pray for each other's faith journey and that each one may be a source of encouragement and support to the rest. Pray for all who are serving the Lord, either in the workplace or in church. Pray for God's blessings upon them.

¹ Doug Oss and Thomas R Schreiner, "Jude," in ESV Study Bible: English Standard Version (Wheaton, IL: Crossway Bibles, 2016).



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